

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Mary Alice Darnell was born on February 16, 1923, to Jay and Helen Darnell; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Mary was married to Orvie Grubbs for 26 years and to this union three children were born: Sandra, Wayne, and Jean. They in turn blessed Mary with grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren: and,

Whereas, Mary married Carl Getz in 1969 and continued to enjoy life, owning two beauty shops and working as a beautician for 30 years; and,

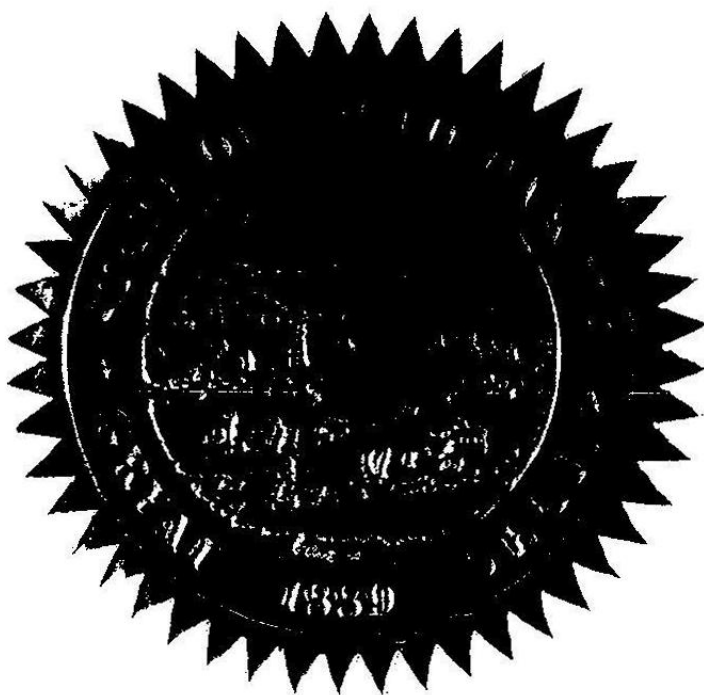
Whereas, Mary lives near the state Capitol in Pierre, South Dakota, enjoys walking through Hilgers Gulch, volunteering at Faith Lutheran Church, and reading; and,

Whereas, Mary will observe her 85th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

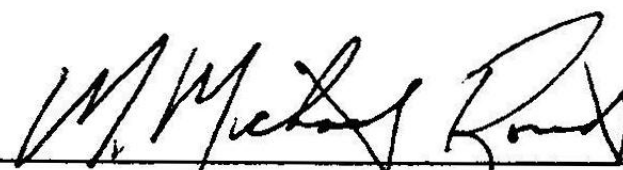
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 16, 2008, as

MARY GETZ DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.




In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State